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SUBJECT: MARCOS INVITES COMMUNIST STATES IN ASEAN

1. IN SPEECH BEFORE VETERANS GROUP JUNE 25 (READ BY SECDEF ENRILE) PRESIDENT MARCOS REITERATED GOP SUPPORT FOR ASEAN SEASIAN ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY AND SAID GOP SUPPORTS MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNIST STATES (PRESUMABLY INDOCHINESE) IN ASEAN. ACCORDING GOP NEWS AGENCY (PNA), MARCOS SAID "BARRIERS THAT ONCE MADE IMPOSSIBLE FRUITFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST STATES HAVE VANISHED." (FULL TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE.)

2. COMMENT: SPEECH IS FURTHER REINFORCEMENT OF "NEW LOOK" IN PHILIPPINE FOREIGN POLICY. IN MAJOR SPEECH OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY 23 PRESIDENT MARCOS EXTENDED "FRIENDLY HAND" TO NEW

INDOCHINESE REGIMES BUT AT THAT TIME HE DID NOT PROPOSE MEMBERSHIP FOR THEM IN ASEAN. INSTEAD, HE STATED THAT "NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ASIA RESULTING IN A NEW POWER CONFIGURATION THREATEN THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF MEMBERS OF ASEAN," MODIFIED LINE SET FOURTH YESTERDAY MAY BE PARTLY THE RESULT OF GROWING CONSENSUS AMONG ASEAN MEMBERS RE UNWISDOM OF APPEARING TO "GANG UP" AGAINST THE NEW ORDER ON THE MAINLAND.

3. MARCOS' INVITATION IS WINDOW DRESSING AND WE ASSUME WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH IN OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS. SOUNDINGS AT CABINET LEVEL HERE INDICATE AWARENESS THAT INDOCHINESE MEMBERSHIP WOULD DIVIDE AND POLITICIZE ASEAN AND JEOPARDIZE PROGRESS IN AREAS WHERE ASEAN HAS REAL PROMISE (E.G., REGIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD.) MARCOS HIMSELF IS UNDOUBETDLY AWARE THAT THERE IS LITTLE REAL LIKELIHOOD THAT INDOCHINESE STATES WILL WARM UP TO ASEAN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, BUT HE PRESUMABLY WANTS TO PLACE THE ONUS FOR NONCOOPERATION SQUARELY ON THEM.  
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